



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

TO: CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS, CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, AND LICENSED CHILD-PLACING AGENCIES

FROM: ROBIN ELY, LICENSING ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: PROVIDER INFORMATION MEETING

A provider information meeting for child-caring institutions, children's residential facilities (DSS licensed only) and licensed child-placing agencies, will be held to provide gang awareness training. Trainers are Deputy Keith Applewhite in Richmond and Detective Heath Hyatt in Roanoke. Deputy Applewhite is a Board member of the Virginia Gang Investigators Association (VGIA), and Detective Hyatt is a VGIA Regional Director. The organization's website is www.vgia.org.

The training will include definition of a gang, signs of involvement and identifiers (clothing, jewelry, etc.), why youth join, and gang mentality.

The gang training will last two hours; the meeting may last an additional 30 to 60 minutes to cover any other licensing questions or announcements including legislation, if any, resulting from the 2013 General Assembly session.

Locations and Times:

- **Richmond – March 18, 2013—10:00 a.m.**
Central Regional Office
1604 Santa Rosa Road, Henrico, Virginia 23229
- **Roanoke – April 12, 2013—1:00 p.m.**
Piedmont Regional Office
1351 Hershberger Road, Suite 210, Roanoke, Virginia 24012

We will accept registrations until the capacity of the rooms have been reached. Registrations are limited to two (2) per agency, facility or institution. To register, contact Lafond Blount, Administrative Assistant, lafond.blount@dss.virginia.gov or (804) 662-7053; email is preferred. Please provide Ms. Blount with the following information:

Name of person(s) attending:

Agency/Facility/Institution name:

Location (indicate one): Richmond or Roanoke

Contact information: (mailing address, email address, and phone number)